## **CLAIMS**

## What is claimed is:

5 11. A method of modifying the axis of rotation of a planet comprising the steps of: measuring the mass of a planet; determining the center of mass of the planet; characterizing the axis of rotation of the planet; selecting a desired character of rotation; calculating a moment of stability required to cause the desired character of 10 rotation; determining a position and a mass of a compensating substance sufficient to effect the moment of stability; and

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The method of claim 11 in which the position of the compensating substance is 12. positioned an underground cavity,

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- The method of claim 11 in which the position of the compensating substance is 13. positioned in an above ground cavity.
  - 14. The method of claim 11 in which the substance is solid.

positioning the mass in the position.

- 15. The method of claim 11 in which the substance is a liquid.
- The method of claim 12 in which the substance is a liquid. 16.
- The method of claim 13 in which the substance is a liquid. 17.
- 30 18. The method of claim 15 in which the liquid is water.
  - 19. The method of claim 16 in which the liquid is water.